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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 6:
2. Senator Monroney's office (Beth Short) said the following have agreed to do a column for Tom Stokes:
  - Adlai Stevenson
  - Christian Herter
  - Leverett Saltonstall
  - John Kennedy
  - Katos Kefauver
  - Margaret Chase Smith
  - Mike Monroney
3. Others in Government are being invited to contribute. Stokes has over 100 papers.
4. Mrs. Short asked if you could get your column to her during the current week. 600 words minimum -- 800 words maximum.
5. Attached hereto is a column on International Communist Fronts which is interesting, timeless and not controversial.
6. **RECOMMENDATION:** That you authorize the use of the attached column.

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cc: DCI  
Legis. Counsel  
IG  
Dir/Sec

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It is always easy to forget, as we consider the menace of Soviet missiles and submarines, that the denizens of the Kremlin are Communists and that Communism uses subversion as its primary method, with force in the background to be brought out when the time is ripe. All of us must be constantly aware of the menace of subversion as directed from Moscow to provide a Fifth Column in every country in the world.

Here at home, while we still have no right to be complacent about the situation, we are aware of the dangers of subversive Communism. In the United States, measures have been taken to deprive the Communists of their respectability. They are numerically too weak to invade our legislative bodies.

But in some of the other free countries that are in a less advantageous position than we to perceive the danger, the communists have built up a series of camouflaged organizations; or have penetrated a whole series of existing organizations, many of which originally had a reputation for respectability. As these fronts

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achieve any measure of success among our allies and friends in the Free World, they in turn have an impact on our own security position.

Here are some of the Communist front organizations that have been operating for some years around the world:

The World Federation of Trade Unions, the World Federation of Democratic Youth, the International Union of Students, the International Organization of Journalists, the International Federation of Resistance Fighters, the International Associations of Democratic Lawyers, the World Peace Council, and the Women's International Democratic Federations. There are many others. These are some of the most important. Let us consider some typical ones.

The Communist World Federation of Trade Unions is dispersed through some 57 countries of the non-Communist world, its officers representing Italy, France, the Netherlands, India, French West Africa, the USSR, Communist China, Mexico, Brazil, Indonesia, Cuba, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Rumania. In many of these countries the WFTU controls the most important trade unions. Of course, behind the Iron Curtain, there are no free trade unions whatever.

The World Peace Council supports seemingly innocent objectives having to do with peace and disarmament which deceive a large number of good citizens even in this country. Yet this Council is nothing but a Communist plot, spearheaded from Moscow, a part of a system dedicated to aims which are diametrically opposed to the purposes it advertises. The World Peace Council is in fact an instrument to pave the way for aggressive war.

Naturally the Soviet have not overlooked the vast importance of women's organizations. Here they support the Women's International

Democratic Federation which pretends to stand for the eradication of Fascism; collaboration for peace; defense of political, economic, legal, and social rights of women; the safeguarding of public health with particular reference to children; and the preservation of social conditions suitable to the physical, moral, and intellectual development of the young. But this particular "front" has never deviated in any respect from the Communist line. It must cost the Communist some six million dollars a year to run this organization. It is interesting to contrast this expenditure with the fact that the Soviet has not to this date contributed a penny to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

In my opinion the facts I have given here should be spread abroad. Naturally, the Communists do all they can to conceal their connections with these front organizations. They should not be allowed to get away with this hoax and deception.

We all want peace and the reduction of armaments, the extension of benefits to the underprivileged, and an end to old-fashioned colonialism and the like. The Communists are playing the rather unique game of denying these principles everywhere in the spheres of their control and at the same time deluding people elsewhere into believing that they, the Communists, are the real defenders of these principles in the free countries of the world.

Today it is not the open Communist, the admitted follower of Marx and Lenin, who is likely to trip us up. It is the neutralist, the soft thinkers about agrarian reformers; those who merely decry the methods, but are blind to the aims of international Communism.

To prepare to meet this danger, we are putting our house in order here in the United States. We cannot decide the policy for those in other countries of the world. We can help unmask the Communist danger. Furthermore, we can give one example of a free people who are frustrating the Communist program while keeping our own freedoms here.

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